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SUBJECT Proposed visit to the U.K. by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Private Secretary, on May 12. Requests confirmation of our acceptance.

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Brant's letter 10712/64 of March 13: Arab Foreign Ministers' Tours.

I have received Note proposing visit to the United Kingdom by the Minister for Foreign Affairs accompanied by Private Secretary, Adil Jarah, on May 12 for three days. This will be the concluding visit of the Minister's tour. He leaves Kuwait on April 10 for the Far East and Washington.

2. Note requests confirmation as soon as possible that this visit will be acceptable to you.

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3. The call on the Prime Minister would create a precedent which we wish to avoid, and the dates suggested are awkward, partly because they clash with Whitsun; but on the particular grounds of the importance of good relations with Kuwait we are trying to arrange it ~~do not entirely rule it out.~~ For the same reason, we are ready to co-operate over the rest of the programme; I have proposed to the Embassy that I should give the Foreign Minister lunch on May 15 and that a Foreign Office Minister might attend their dinner on May ~~22~~ 19. (I am not free on that date.)

4. Kuwait Embassy also say that the sole purpose of the visit will be to discuss the Jordan Waters and that they have no other business in mind. We know of nothing which calls for particular attention at this time.

5. Please report anything further you may be able to learn about the timing of the visit and questions the Foreign Minister is likely to raise. In the meantime you should not give any undertaking that we shall be able to ~~adjust our plans to~~ give Shaikh Sabah exact parity with Mrs. Meir, but you can say, if asked, that we are ~~aiming at this~~ fully aware of this consideration.

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My dear Willie,

I was interested to see a copy of your letter of March 10 to Sir Harold Beeley about the proposed visit to the United Kingdom of Arab Foreign Ministers.

2. I agree entirely with the line set out in your paragraphs 5 to 8 inclusive.

3. With regard to the modalities, however, I think there will be advantage in advising Ministers to be as accommodating as possible in the matter of interviews and receiving Arab Foreign Ministers if they come severally rather than in a group. Whether we like it or not, we are going to give the Arabs advice and views which they will find unpalatable. It is therefore all the more important that they should feel that they have had a full opportunity of stating their case. The attention paid to Golda Meir's visit to the United Kingdom including her call on the Prime Minister, has been detailed in the Syrian press and radio and they will be quick to notice if less attention is paid to their emissaries, even though numerous, than to the single Israeli one.

4. I am not as you will see arguing that we should mince our words with the Arabs, but only that we should give them the same hearing and attention as we gave to Golda Meir and should be plainly seen to be doing so.

5. There seems incidentally to be some debate here as to which method of presenting views, group or individual, would be the better. The United States' Ambassador was recently asked privately by the Secretary-General of the Foreign Ministry what he thought. He plumped for the group to the relief of the Secretary-General who had been arguing that view too.

I am copying this letter to the recipients of your letter under reference.

Yours ever

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